

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act). The Administrator has received an application for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #NV0022012 from the following applicant:

Reno Plastics, Inc.  
14291 Lear Blvd.  
Reno, Washoe County, NV 89506

The Permittee purchased this property in March 2000 and operates a groundwater remediation system. From 1989-2000, former owners BWC West, Inc. (1989-1991) and American Water Heater Co. (1992-2000) manufactured water heaters at this industrial facility. Spent degreasing solvents were improperly disposed on the ground causing groundwater contamination. In 1991, BWC West, Inc. commenced groundwater cleanup operations at this site. The treatment process consists of air stripping and activated carbon adsorption for the removal of volatile organic compounds. The design capacity of this pump and treat system is 11 gallons per minute. The treated water is discharged to a storm drain, which conveys the water to an unnamed seasonal lake (playa) located approximately ¼ mile NE of Silver Lake, Reno-Stead, Washoe County, NV. The unnamed lake is shallow and evaporates to a dry desert playa surface annually. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed NPDES discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 26, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424 (e-mail: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684.